

PROJECT 001  
CHSP Little Seeker Stewardship

**DIVISION 100**  
**GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR SITE PREPARATION**

100 - Scope of Work

It is the intent of this contract is to have site preparation (felling work) and any resulting required slash disposal work accomplished on the Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest. The contractor shall furnish tools, labor, equipment, and supervision required, unless otherwise provided herein.

120 - Location

The work areas are located within the CHSP Little Seeker Stewardship Contract Area and follow the same unit boundaries as Payment Unit 1 (22 acres) and Payment Unit 3 (28 acres). See page 1 of the Contract Area Map.

130 - Access

Work areas are accessible via Duhring Road (FR 124) to FR 230. Payment Unit 1 is located at the junction of Duhring Road and FR 230. Payment Unit 3 is located about .7 miles south on FR 230 on the East side of road.

**DIVISION 200**  
**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR SITE PREPARATION**

210 – Species Requiring Treatment

The following species specified shall be cut and are considered competing vegetation - undesirable species:

211 - Striped Maple - All live Striped Maple which is taller than one foot in height shall be felled and completely severed from the stump.

212 - Pin (Fire) Cherry - All live Pin Cherry which is taller than one foot in height shall be felled and completely severed from the stump.

213 - Birch - All live birch taller than one foot in height and less than 6.0 inches in diameter at a point 4.5 feet (DBH) above the ground shall be felled and completely severed from the stump.

214 - Beech - All live beech taller than one foot in height and less than 6.0 inches in diameter at a point 4.5 feet (breast height) above the ground shall be felled and completely severed from the stump.

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220 – Stump Height

Maximum cutting height is six inches, unless otherwise stated to the Contractor in writing by the Forest Service due to unusual circumstances.

Sprouts (multiple stems) will be cut as close to the ground as possible.

Woody vegetation will be cut in a manner which results in a flat (parallel with the ground) surface.

Angular stump cuts will not be allowed.

230 – Boundary Trees

Boundary trees are not to be felled. Area boundary trees are marked with a painted orange 2 or 3 stripes on the trees.

240 - Special Requirements

241 - Trees with any sort of marking paint or flagging will not be cut.

242 - Reserve areas within stands will not be cut.

243 – Lodged (hung up) trees shall be pulled or cut down to within 3 feet of the ground.

244 - Trees shall not be felled onto any objects such as pipelines, oil, gas and mineral development, wells, powerlines, tree shelters, fences, and roads. The contractor shall be responsible for any damage caused to such objects.

245 - Only live trees will be cut; all snags encountered will be retained unless they are a hazard to contractor safety.

250 – Species Not Specified to be Cut (Desirables)

Care shall be taken to not damage or cut desirable species. A maximum of 10% of the desirables may be cut when intertwined and amongst undesirables specified to be cut.

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260 - Slash Disposal

Slash created by the Contractor's operations shall be removed 15 feet away from following locations:

Clear R-O-W & ditch line	private land	fence maintenance trails
historic railroad grades	well openings	fences
skid trails	oil/gas lease roads	stream courses
pipelines	maintenance trails	seeps
power lines	recreational trails	

- *No slash* shall be left hanging in trees and will be laid horizontal to the ground.
- The *tops of all trees* will be lopped down to within 3 feet of the ground.
- The Contractor is responsible for any damage to oil/gas developments, pipelines, powerlines, and other improvements caused by his operations.

270 – Progression of Work

Site preparation work is not permitted from 4/01 to 6/30 in Payment Units 1 and 3. In Payment Unit 1, site preparation work shall only occur during leaf off conditions and shall be completed in the same leaf off season as the timber is harvested. In Payment Unit 3, site preparation work shall be completed as timber is harvested or up to 6 month prior. If work occurs during winter months where snow depth is greater than six inches, inspection of the area will not take place until snow depths drop to six inches or below. All site prep work will be completed by the time the last of the timber is removed in either unit.

280 – Responsibility For Safety

It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure that the work environment is safe for themselves as well as their employees. If the contractor feels that a requirement of this contract would place them or their employees in an unsafe environment, then work should stop on that area of work and the contractor should contact the COR. Work on other areas of the contract that the contractor does not view as unsafe should continue. It is required that the contractor utilize appropriate personal protective safety equipment/clothing, which may include, but is not limited to, a hardhat, leg protection, ear and eye protection, and hand protection while working.

290 - Notification

Contractor shall be required to notify the Forest Service prior to starting work on any items. The contractor shall also notify the Forest Service at least weekly of the progress being attained on this project. This notification can be either oral or written.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Listed below are all of the documents attached to, and forming a part of, this contract:

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Exhibit A  
Information Sheet

Description	Acres	Lat/Long	Fund	Road	Comp/St
Payment Unit 1	22	41°31'4.488"N 78°56'49.725"W	GSRV	FR 124	709041
Payment Unit 3	28	41°30'30.024"N 78°56'50.986"W	GSRV	FR 230	709012

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Exhibit B

**SITE PREPARATION INSPECTION SHEET**  
(Used by Forest Service)

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Plot #	#Desirables Total	#Desirables Cut	%Desirables Cut	#Undesirables Total	# Undesirables Not Cut	%Undesirables Not Cut	Notes
1							
2							
3							
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11							
12							

Unit Slash Work has been completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

If corrections were needed indicate the date corrections were made: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

COMMENTS:

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The radius of each plot is six (6) feet. There will be a minimum of five plots taken per Area. Areas greater than 15 acres shall have a plot for every three acres. Plots will be systematically distributed over the area using a grid system.

When counting desirables and there are more than 25 on the plot you may estimate by counting a  $\frac{1}{4}$  plot and multiply by four. All desirables cut shall be counted along with undesirables not cut. There should be no more than 10% of desirables cut and no more than 10% of undesirables not cut.

All starting points and plot lines will be designated with flagging (do not use orange flagging). All plots shall have a plot center marked and numbered. Flagging shall be used to delineate the plot so it can be relocated. An Area Map indicating plot layout, bearings and distance used between plots shall be completed for each Area.